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Senate Bill No. 412

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The Committee on General Law reported through SEN. COLAPIETRO of the 31st Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSTING OF GAS PRICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 16a-15 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (c) (1) During the period commencing on May 27, 1998, and ending
5 on October 1, 1998, each person who sells at retail any gasoline or other
6 product intended for use in the propelling of motor vehicles using
7 combustion type engines shall prominently display at any location on
8 the premises at which such gasoline or other product is sold, and may
9 maintain on each pump or other dispensing device from which such
10 gasoline or other product is dispensed, a notice informing the public of
11 the requirements of subsection (c) of section 14-332a. The notice
12 required by this subsection shall be in such form as the Commissioner
13 of Consumer Protection may require by emergency regulation adopted
14 pursuant to chapter 54 and shall include: [(1)] (A) The statement "The

15 General Assembly and the Governor have reduced the state motor
 16 vehicle fuels tax by (insert amount) cents effective (insert date)"; and
 17 [(2)] (B) the number of the toll-free telephone line established in the
 18 Department of Consumer Protection for the handling of consumer
 19 inquiries and complaints that may be used to report any violation of
 20 subsection (c) of section 14-332a.

21 (2) Each person shall publicly display and maintain, in a like
 22 manner, size and print, on each pump or other dispensing device from
 23 which any gasoline intended as a fuel for motor vehicles is sold by
 24 such person, such signs as the Commissioner of Consumer Protection,
 25 by regulation adopted pursuant to chapter 54, may require to inform
 26 the public of the price for such gasoline for such members of the public
 27 as any such sign that informs of the price of such gasoline for members
 28 of any club, members of any retail membership organization or
 29 persons who qualify for any special discount offer.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	16a-15(c)
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GL *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note**State Impact:**

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 06 \$	FY 07 \$
Judicial Dept.	GF - Revenue Gain	Less than 1,000 annually	Less than 1,000 annually

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None**Explanation**

The bill requires gasoline retailers to display, in the same manner, price signs on gasoline pumps for members of a retail membership organization and price signs posted for the public.

A violator is subject to a criminal fine of \$50 to \$250. To the extent that the bill could result in additional violations, the state could realize a minimal revenue gain.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE POSTING OF GAS PRICES**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires gasoline retailers to display, in the same manner, size, and print both (1) the price signs on gasoline pumps for members of a club, retail membership organization, or people who qualify for a special discount and (2) the price signs posted for the public. State regulations prescribe the size of signs on the pumps displaying the prices the public pays. A violator is subject to a criminal fine of \$50 to \$250.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND***Requirements for Price Signs for the General Public***

Department of Consumer Protection regulations require, among other things, gasoline price signs to state the price for full-serve, mini-serve, and full-serve; be clearly visible from both sides of the pump and 7 ¼" high and 9 ½" wide (Conn. Agencies Reg. §§ 16a-15-9 and 16a-15a-1).

COMMITTEE ACTION

General Law Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 15 Nay 0